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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NDPC SECURITY SURVEY: REQUEST MORE INFORMATION

REF: A. 77 STATE 310280, B. ROME 884

1. IN JANUARY 17 MEETING WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS, GENERAL CARUSO
MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. AGREED TO DATES FOR SURVEY PROPOSED REF.A. POSSIBLE
CONFLICT MENTIONED IN REF. B HAS BEEN RESOLVED.

B. REQUESTED FULLER INFORMATION ON SCOPE OF SURVEY, PRINCIPALLY
WITH RESPECT TO DEPTH OF DETAIL SURVEY TEAM WOULD BE INTERESTED
IN. (COMMENT: CARUSO'S CONFUSION -- AND OURS -- ON THIS POINT
MAY BE ANSWERED BY COPY OF 1969 SURVEY. IF NOT, PLEASE GIVE
US EXAMPLES, REAL OR HYPOTHETICAL, OF EXTENT AND DEPTH OF
SURVEY TEAM'S INTEREST.)

C. QUERIED SPECIFICALLY WHAT THE PURPOSE OF VISITING SEVERAL
"MAJOR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS" WOULD BE. SINCE THIS SURVEY
(AS APPARENTLY DID THE LAST) WILL DEAL WITH CO-PRODUCTION
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ARRANGEMENTS, WHERE DOES A MILITARY BASE FIT IN? (COMMENT:
EMBASSY SHARES CARUSO'S CURIOSITY ON THIS POINT. VISITING
MAJOR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS MIGHT MAKE IT APPEAR THAT
SURVEY TEAM IS CONCERNED WITH VETTING OVERALL ADEQUACY OF
ITALIAN SECURITY PRACTICES, NOT ONLY WITH REGARD TO
CLASSIFIED U.S. INFORMATION, BUT NATO OR EVEN ITALIAN NATIONAL
INFORMATION AS WELL. WE DO NOT THINK THIS IS, OR SHOULD BE,

PURPOSE OF NDPC SURVEY, IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN REF.B'S COMMENT OVER SENSITIVITY OF CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION, AND THE EFFECT THIS KIND OF SIGNAL MIGHT HAVE ON IT.)

2. CARUSO REITERATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH SURVEY TEAM AND TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN COORDINATING ITS VISIT TO SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSE CONTRACTORS. AMONGST THE MANY FIRMS THAT COULD BE VISITED, HE MENTIONED SELENIA, AGUSTA, OTO-MELARA AND FIAT. THESE ARE NOT DEFINITE CHOICES, BUT, IN OUR ESTIMATION, WOULD BE WELL WORTH CONSIDERING. IN ANY CASE, DUE TO SHORT TIME AT TEAM'S DISPOSAL AND LOGISTICS INVOLVED IN TRAVELLING CONSIDERABLE DISTANCES IN ITALY, PROBABLY THREE FIRMS ARE ABOUT AS MANY AS CAN BE VISITED.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON RESPONSE TO GEN. CARUSO'S QUERIES. GARDNER

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